

# Good Samaritan News

Saturday, March 7, 2010

**From the Church of the Good Samaritan in Brunswick, Maine**

An ecumenical ministry with a base in the Anglican Tradition

**NEW Website:** [www.churchofthegoodsamaritan.com/](http://www.churchofthegoodsamaritan.com/)

Please let us know your email address—we can send this to you each week. Our Church — Come ... join us! Meditation 3:30 p.m. in the chapel — Pilgrim House; service 4:00 p.m. Pilgrim House is the brick building adjacent to First Parish Church UCC in Brunswick. If you can't attend, join us in prayer at 4:00.

**Mission Statement:** We are a loving and diverse faith-based community that comes from a variety of traditions. We gather in Christ's name to seek to do God's Will and bring love and grace into the world. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for spiritual healing and growth for all who wish to join us. We offer social action, support, and education to the greater community. An integral part of our mission is to break down barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding while offering a welcoming hand to all who seek inclusion. We welcome you!

## God does Not Cost Anything...

Our reading from Isaiah 55 reminds us of something very important...

“Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters

And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!” (Vs 1-2)

To speak to God, to reach out to God, to pray, to meditate, cost nothing in a worldly sense. We are invited to a banquet with God, God is present to us, if we open the door.

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

Lent is about returning to God. We must turn from those things that keep from God. God is good, God's mercy endures forever. Whoever comes to the door and knocks, God is there. There is not cost, nothing in the world that can compare to the peace that God gives. The good Lord reigns and restores us. Do we all need reminding of this? Yes. That is why we ready, we pray, we gather with others to worship. There is a strength that we find in God that surpasses our understanding. Let us rejoice and be glad, for the Lord is good!

It is good to be back in Maine, my friends. My time in Ecuador was healing; the iconography restorative, and I look forward to being with you in the coming weeks and months. May God bless you deeply this week. Bishop David

### Calendar of Worship Ministry Assignments

<b>Med: 3:30 Ser: 4:00</b>	Mar 7 EUC	Mar 14 EP	Mar 21 EP Deb	Mar 28 Palm Sun	April 4 Easter	April 11 EP	April 18 EP	April 25 EUC	May 2 EP
<b>Events &amp; Clergy</b>	Bishop David	Karen	Deb	BD	BD	Deb	Karen	BD	Karen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Deb	XX	XX	Deb	Deb	XX	XX	Karen	XX
<b>Hospt'y</b>	BD	Lucy	Deb	Ray	BD	Deb	Karen	Lucy	Deb
<b>Music</b>	Ray	Lucy	Lucy	Ray	Ray	Lucy	Ray	Ray	Lucy

PL/CM-Pot Luck/Community Mtg EP- Evening Prayer CNL: Council

**Thanks to First Parish Church (UCC) for shelter, space for an office, and to worship!**

**Donations needed at this time. According to our treasurer, we are in bleak circumstance financially.**

**Please send your donations in to our office address. They are fully tax-deductible.**

## 2010 Brunswick Calendar With Historical Still Available

A beautiful calendar for 2010 with wonderful photographs by Sally Hartikka of Brunswick. Cost is \$20.00. It can be mailed, or picked up. Leave a message at the church office 207 729 0180 or send a check to the church at the address below, along with \$4.95 for shipping and handling for up to three calendars.

**Thanks GWI!** Thanks to the generosity of Great Works Internet we pay only a nominal fee for our email, web site, and Internet access. Thanks! Please use Great Works Internet!!

### Good Samaritan Prayer List

**Please send requests to [cogs@gwi.net](mailto:cogs@gwi.net).**

**Prayer for this week:** Lord God, help us to be in your presence. We lift up the prayers of our hearts to you for those still burdened and those seeking healing. We especially pray for...(Send us *updates to this list*!)

**Sick/recovering:** Joy and Len, Billie, , Jeanne Marie, David from Gorham, Rhonda, Dorian, Helen, Bob, Estella, Virginia, Gene, Bruce, Sue, Joe B, Ellen, Ursula, Joe, Barry+, Jon, Mark, Barbara, David+ H.,

**Discernment/ transition:** Robert, Russ, Joan, Father Barry, Mark, Kay, Taylor. **For those studying for ordination in EACA:** Robert, Ken, Manuel, Maria and Deb. For Mother Lynette Curley-Road, recently accepted in the EACA as priest. **Died:** Peter, Bev, Gloria, Susan's father, Bill B, Rod, Debbie, Bob. We continue to pray for the dead, injured, and homeless in Haiti and Chile. **Thanksgiving:** For 30 year anniversary for Ray and David; for Owen's healing; for Billie coming home. **Travel:** Prayers for safe travel and mercy for all those traveling this week. *We make the sign of the cross and ask God for deeper faith, enduring hope, and divine love.*

Join others and us around the world in reading the daily lectionary and in daily prayer

Sun 3 Mar 7	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Gen 44:1-17	Rom 8:1-10	John 5:25-29
Mon Mar 8	am: 80 pm: 77, 79	Gen 44:18-34	1 Cor 7:25-31	Mark 5:21-43
Tue Mar 9	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	Gen 45:1-15	1 Cor 7:32-40	Mark 6:1-13
Wed Mar 10	am:119:97-120 pm: 81,82	Gen 45:16-28	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 6:13-29
Thur Mar 11	am: 42, 43 pm: 85, 86	Gen 46:1-7, 28-34	1 Cor 9:1-15	Mark 6:30-46
Fri Mar 12	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	Gen 47:1-26	1 Cor 9:16-27	Mark 6:47-56
Sat Mar 13	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	Gen 47:27-48:7	1 Cor 10:1-13	Mark 7:1-23
Sun 4 Mar 14	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	Gen 48:8-22	Rom 8:11-25	John 6:27-40
Mon Mar 15	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	Gen 49:1-28	1 Cor 10:14-11:1	Mark 7:24-37
Tue Mar 16	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	Gen 49:29-50:14	1 Cor 11:17-34	Mark 8:1-10
Wed Mar 17	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	Gen 50:15-26	1 Cor 12:1-11	Mark 8:11-26
Thur Mar 18	am: 69 pm: 73	Exod 1:6-22	1 Cor 12:12-26	Mark 8:27-9:1
Fri Mar 19	am: 107:1-32 pm: 107:33-43	Exod 2:1-22	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Mark 9:2-13
Sat Mar 20	am: 102, 108 pm: 33	Exod 2:23-3:15	1 Cor 13:1-13	Mark 9:14-29
Sun 5 Mar 21	am: 118 pm: 145	Exod 3:16-4:12	Rom 12:1-12	John 8:46-59
Mon Mar 22	am: 31 pm: 35	Exod 4:10-31	1 Cor 14:1-19	Mark 9:30-41
Tues Mar 23	am: 121-123 pm: 124- 126	Exod 5:1-6:1	1 Cor 14:20-40	Mark 9:42-50
Wed Mar 24	am: 119:145-176 pm: 128- 130	Exod 7:8-24	2 Cor 2:14-3:6	Mark 10:1-16
Thur Mar 25	am: 131, 132, 133 pm: 140, 142	Exod 7:25-8:19	2 Cor 3:7-18	Mark 10:17-31
Fri Mar 26	am: 22 pm: 141, 143	Exod 9:13-35	2 Cor 4:1-12	Mark 10:32-45
Sat Mar 27	am: 137, 144 pm: 42, 43	Exod 10:21-11:8	2 Cor 4:13-18	Mark 10:46-52

New Design on WEBSITE...Please Visit it!

### Website!!!

**Thanks to John Fischer**, our dedicated web master, who has completed our new website. Please visit it!

**Please do not wear scented lotions, perfumes, etc. to church services or events.**

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